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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Showers Wednesday, cooler on the coast; Thursday fair; light to fresh west to northwest winds.
North Carolina—Showers Wednesday, cooler in central portion; Thursday fair, except showers in central portion; light to fresh northwest to north winds.

Richmond's weather yesterday was hot and "sticky," varied, but not broken; in the afternoon by a severe wind and rain storm.

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.
9 A. M. 73
12 M. 84
3 P. M. 87
6 P. M. 85
9 P. M. 77
12 midnight 74
Average 79 1-6

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
Sun rises.....4:50 HIGH TIDE.
Sun sets.....7:32 Morning.....12:11
Moon sets.....1:12 Evening.....12:11

Richmond.
Employees of the Locomotive Works falls under engine wheels and is crushed to death instantly.—Mr. George D. Pleasant, well known insurance man, dies after long illness; was presiding justice in the Jeter Phillips case, which occurred here after the close of the war.—Last of the boats built at the Trigg yards is launched.—Closing of St. Mary's and St. Peter's schools with the award of medals and certificates to the boys and girls.—Deacon in Rev. Mr. McDaniel's church in Dallas says his pastor has been called to Richmond, but will not accept; this denied here so far as the statement of calling Mr. McDaniel goes.—Board of Health elects a chemist and milk inspector as provided by the pure food ordinance.—Argument in the Busby case begins to-day.—Finance and Grounds and Buildings Committees transact considerable routine business.—Death of Mr. H. B. Crump, well known citizen of Richmond for many years.—MAYNCHETTER.—At the meeting of the Olympia Club last night it was decided to camp at Ocean View in July.—Opposition to appropriation for new pump-house may develop in Council.—Dr. Hill resigns as president of the Board of Health.—June term of Corporation Court begins.—Funerals this afternoon.

Virginia.
The monitors belonging to the training squadron join the fleet in Hampton Roads and the flotilla is now ready for its cruise. Suit against the Norfolk Virginian Pilot decided in favor of the newspaper.—Prof. R. C. Price resigns from the chair of chemistry at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.—Benjamin Franklin Patterson, held in Boydton jail for several weeks, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was discharged by the jury without their leaving their seats.—Alumni day celebration at V. I. I.—Crown of honor to survivors of New Market; sham battle; unveiling of portrait of General Shipp; alumni smoker.—Commencement exercises at Williams and Mary college.—David Quinn, married man, convicted of criminal assault at Chatham and sentenced for five years.—Chief of Police of Warwick county sent to grand jury for felonious assault.—Shoe merchant of Petersburg gets fatally fatal fall from his bicycle.—The City Council of Petersburg nominates city officers in caucus.

North Carolina.
The case of the Hampton Railway and Electric Company heard before Judge Crickard in Asheville. The case is suspended and case to be heard in Circuit Court of Appeals here.—The North Carolina Bar Association adopt memorial for the reform of court practices in summing jury and in the number peremptory challenges.—William T. Spaulding has arm and shoulder thrust and accidentally takes overdose of morphine and dies.—Lightning strikes and burns a colored church in Raleigh.—C. R. Thomas nominates for Congress by Democrats in the Third District and Gudgeon in the Tenth.

General.
Republican National Convention opens next auspiciously at Chicago and temporary Chairman Root strikes key note of campaign; meeting was void of any great interest in American politics; high tributes paid to late President McKinley and Senator Hanna; Corley will certainly manage the convention; Russians are defeated in battle near Shi-Mu-Cheng; Japanese cruiser disabled; inquiry into cause of great calamity continued and one hundred and twelve bodies recovered yesterday.—Brother of Assistant Secretary Loomis disappears from Kaiser Wilhelm II.—Assistant Postmaster Madden indicted of charges preferred against him by Georgia's General Assembly to meet to-day.—American Association of Nursesmen to meet at Atlanta to-day.—Lady killed by bolt of lightning in Atlanta.—Democratic members of Congress condemn utterances of William J. Bryan.—Two gamblers in fatal encounter and both are dangerously wounded.—Cardinal Satolli received by President Roosevelt.—President sends contribution to aid Siam relief fund.—War now imminent between Salvador and Guatemala.

RUSSIANS ARE AGAIN DEFEATED

Japs Give Battle Near Shi-Mu-Cheng.

EMPERER'S TROOPS OUTNUMBERED

Finding Themselves in Trap, They Withdraw, After Meeting With Considerable Loss.

JAPANESE CRUISER HAS BEEN DISABLED

Boat Ran Too Close to Port Arthur in Pursuit of Torpedo Boat When Explosion Occurred Under Bow of Jap Vessel—Other Ships Come to Rescue.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Copyright 1904.)

SHANHAIKWAN, June 21.—Chinese couriers arriving here to-day bring news of sharp fighting around Shi-Mu-Cheng, in which the Russians were defeated. It appears the Russians had sent a strong reconnoitering party to obstruct the movements of the Japanese column, advancing from Shi Yen toward Hal Cheng, where the main Russian army is now said to be located. The Russians suddenly found themselves between two strong Japanese scouting parties, who immediately opened fire and charged the Russians. The latter, finding themselves outnumbered, managed to make their escape, but not before they had lost between fifty and sixty men.

CRUISER DISABLED.

Japanese Boat Has Explosion While in Pursuit of Russian Torpedo Boat.

CHIEF POO, June 21.—A story, which, although it is impossible to confirm it, has received some credit to-day, tells of a Japanese cruiser having been disabled near Port Arthur and limping away under convoy of a battleship and another cruiser. According to the story, which seems to have been brought in by some native sailors, the cruiser had run in very close to Port Arthur in pursuit of a torpedo boat, which ran for the harbor, when suddenly there was an explosion under the bow of the Japanese vessel. She managed to turn about, and in response to her signals two of the other vessels came to her assistance. She was not pursued. Other reports tell of two of the Russian vessels being seen several miles from the harbor and of a battleship and three smaller vessels heading into the gulf, to the west of the peninsula.

RETURN TO VLADIVOSTOK.

Russian Cruisers Back in Harbor After a Most Disastrous Raid.

(By Associated Press.)

VLADIVOSTOK, June 21.—Lying in the harbor are the three Russian cruisers which have just returned from their successful raid in the Japanese sea and straits of Korea.

Vice Admiral Bezobrazoff took the squadron out June 17th. The first day they sailed in the direction of the Korean straits June 15th, and were sighted and watched by a three-masted Japanese cruiser.

Off Tsu Island the Russians pursued a vessel resembling a yacht, which escaped in shore. They sank the Japanese transport Idzumi off Kotsu Island. Idzumi was bringing back invalided soldiers from Port Dalny, 106 of whom were rescued by one of the Russian cruisers.

The Japanese transports Hitachi and Sado were next sighted and soon after the Hitachi, which was filled with troops, disregarding the signal to stop, put on full speed.

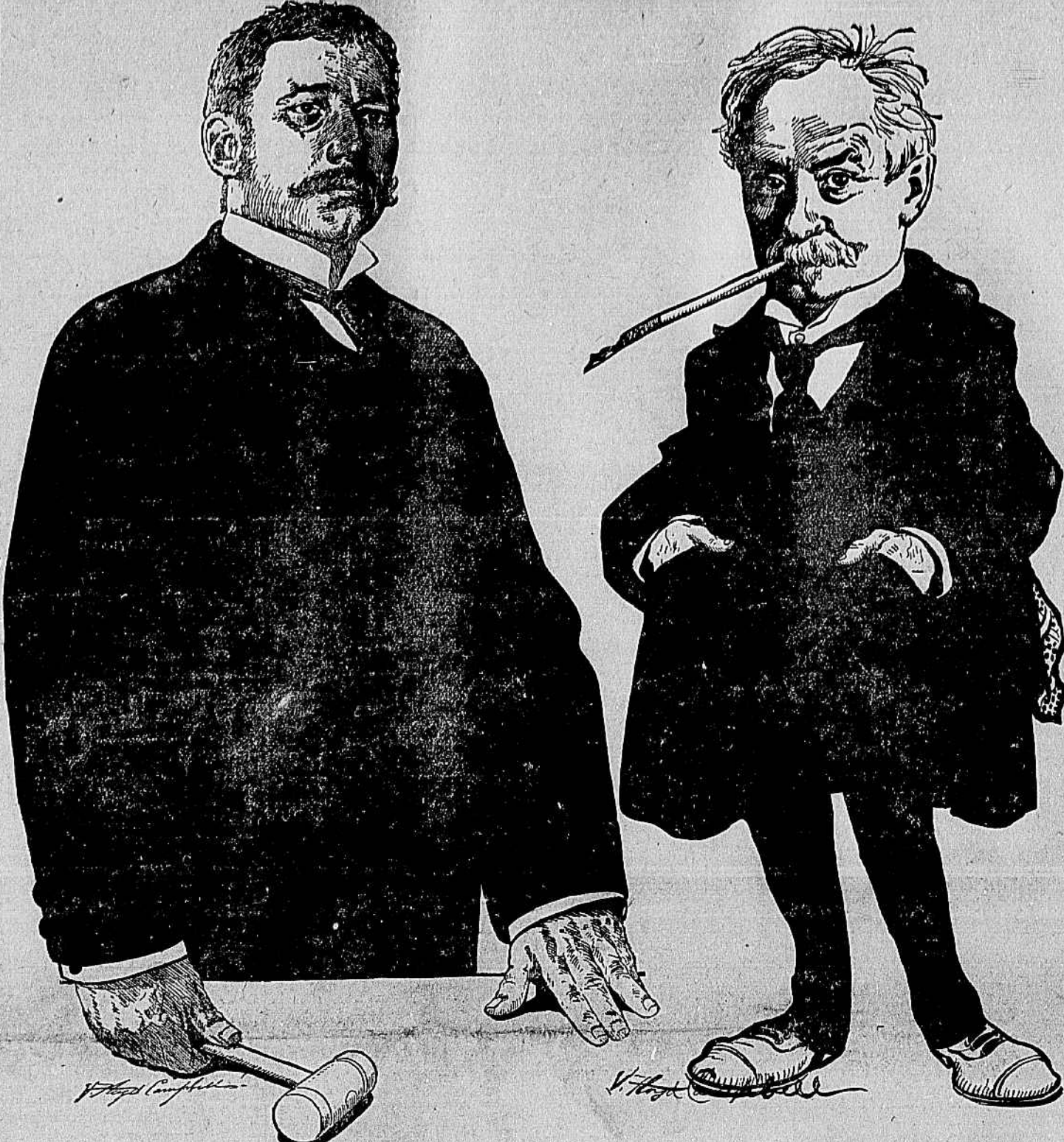
The Russian cruisers thereupon opened fire on the Hitachi, crippling her engines and setting her deck afire. Still the Japanese refused to haul down their flag. The vessel was then seen to keel over, and hundreds of the Japanese jumped into the sea. They were all drowned. The Hitachi was then sunk by the pursuer.

The Sado obeyed the summons to stop. She carried 1,300 coolies for railroad work in Korea, 1,200 tons of coal, 1,000 tons of rice, railroad and telegraph equipment, a hundred horses and a large amount of specie. The specie was thrown overboard by the pursuer.

Besides ten boats, the Sado carried twelve rafts, each capable of carrying 100 men. As soon as the crew was ordered to leave the ship, the coolies rushed on deck, filled the boats and headed them for the coast. Admiral Bezobrazoff sent boats to the Sado to take off the captain and officers.

Captain Oguro, twelve military officers and three Englishmen in the Japanese service surrendered. The others refused to leave the ship.

The Russians, having done everything possible to save the lives of those on



ELIHU ROOT, FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR,
Chairman of the Republican Convention.
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ROBERT ROBERTS HITT, OF ILLINOIS,
Who is Willing to be Vice-President.
(Used by Courtesy of the North American.)

SOMETHING WILL DROP

Important Financial Deal in Seaboard Air Line Railway Expected.

THE FINANCIAL PROGRAMME

J. L. Williams & Sons and Midendorff & Co. Are Silent As to Plans.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, MD., June 21.—The affairs of the Seaboard Air Line Railway are just now the absorbing topic in Baltimore financial circles. It is evident that not only is something important pending, but the situation is ripe for a coup and surprising developments. It is evident that the Blair-Coolidge syndicate, which has been dominating the affairs of the company for some time and has picked up some handsome commissions in this city, has a new financial programme, incidental to which are further pickings for this syndicate. It is hinted, however, that the stockholders, who have patiently folded their hands while this syndicate has been in charge, will balk this new scheme.

Permanent Financial Programme

More money for the company and a permanent financial programme is what the syndicate proposes. This syndicate received about \$300,000 in cash and some 90,000 shares of stock originally for creating what was supposed at the time to be a permanent financial programme. But, from present reports, this was just a starter.

Many Baltimore stockholders are disposed to disagree on the necessity for a new financing. The Blair-Ryan-Coolidge interests have about a one-tenth interest in the company. The biggest concentrated ownership is that held by John L. Williams and Sons and J. William Midendorff and Company, who, with their immediate connections, own over 150,000 shares.

Mr. Williams is discreetly silent, but wears the air of a man who has something up his sleeve. Local financial circles are on the qui vive of expectation to see the first movement in what is believed to be an extremely clever game for control of the road.

WHISKEY KILLS BABY

Little Fellow Climbed for Bottle and Drank All He Could Swallow.

FATAL SLUMBER SOON CAME

An overdose of whiskey was the cause of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, of No. 306 East Marshall Street.

The child, early Monday morning, after the parents had arisen and gone to breakfast, got out of bed, climbed on a chair, and drank about a gill of whiskey from a bottle on the mantelpiece.

The parents were startled by a noise as if some one falling, and thought it was the child falling from bed. Upon investigation, they found the little one lying on the floor, having fallen from the chair.

"Aie dink dram," said the child, in a pitiful voice. He was taken up hurriedly and several physicians were called in, but all efforts to relieve him were futile, and the little fellow died in a short while.

The funeral will be at 10 o'clock this morning, from the home.

LADY STRUCK DEAD BY LIGHTNING BOLT

Mrs. Ora Bradley Killed and Several Other Atlanta People Injured.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., June 21.—During a heavy rain and electrical storm here this afternoon Mrs. Ora Bradley, wife of W. B. Bradley, a street car conductor, was killed by being struck by a bolt of lightning, and in another part of the city lightning struck the home of T. O. Jones, an instructor in the Georgia School of Technology, and both Mr. and Mrs. Jones were rendered unconscious for some time. Both recovered. Several occupants of the house were badly shocked. The street car system was rendered ineffectual for about half an hour during the storm.

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Mr. Page, while not out on the road, worked as brakeman in the shops. A moment before the accident he was standing on the rear of a shifting engine, which was pushing a new engine tender, and in falling, was struck by the new engine. His skull was crushed and death came instantly.

AN OLD EMPLOYEE.
Mr. Page had been employed at the Locomotive Works for about ten years, and was held in high esteem. His business was to take out completed engines and deliver them to the purchasers, and in this way he became quite well known.

Coroner Deas, of Henrico, looked into the matter, and turned the body over to relatives. Undertaker Reddin was given charge of the remains. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but the burial will be some time to-morrow.

Mr. Page leaves his mother and a daughter about fifteen years old. Much regret at the sad accident was expressed by Mr. Page's fellow-workmen, many of whom run to the scene in vain hope of helping their unfortunate friend.

Before going to the Locomotive Works, Mr. Page was employed as an engineer on the Norfolk and Western road.

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AUSPICIOUS OPENING OF CONVENTION

Republicans Perfect an Organization.

PRESIDENT'S NAME CHEERED LOUDLY

Ex-Secretary Root, Temporary Chairman, Strikes Keynote of the Campaign.

THE MEETING IS VOID OF GREAT INTEREST

Fairbanks's Nomination for the Vice-Presidency Is Beyond a Doubt—Several Women Delegates on the Floor. To Convene at Noon To-day.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, June 21.—Without a disturbing element to impede smooth operation, the first day's programme for the Republican National Convention was carried like clock work. Not a jarring sound was heard, not a false step taken. It was an assembly of non-combative delegates, which carried into effect without the thunderous demonstration usually attendant upon political conventions a purpose that had been clearly defined.

An organization was perfected preparatory to the adoption of a platform and the making of nominations in the succeeding days of the convention. From the quiet, yet unmistakable enthusiasm provoked by Senator Fairbanks's arrival at the Coliseum his nomination for Vice-President is but little less assured than the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for President.

Root Sounds Keynote.

The keynote to the campaign of 1904 was sounded by Hon. Elihu Root in his speech as temporary chairman. His address was a review of the accomplishments of the present administration and a defense of Republican policies in general. When that had been delivered and the various working committees dispatched to their labors, the business of the first day's session was complete. Another picture was presented by the opening day, so different from the customary convention scene as to attract marked attention. It was the feature of delegates and the spectators to warm the spirit of the occasion. Mention of President Roosevelt was responded to with hearty, though not prolonged, applause. The lack of contest eliminated the necessity for enthusiastic display of feeling and the mild cheering and rather listless hand-clapping, which was the greeting given impartially to all figures on the floor, was all, probably, that could be expected under the circumstances.

Lack of Interest Evident.

The lack of public interest in the convention was evidenced by the large number of spectator's seats vacant. Seats at former Republican conventions usually brought a premium. To-day spectators offered them for very low prices, and as the hour approached for the convention to assemble they sold them for a song. A wilderness of vacant seats was in the gallery and on the mezzanine floor, where not more than two-thirds were occupied. The first floor was well filled. The picture was one of good order, where sergeants-at-arms and policemen were not needed.

From a decorative point of view the Coliseum was a success. The architecture of the interior structure is peculiarly adapted to the interior dress given it. Flags and bunting were used profusely, but in good taste. Foliage and palms softened the general color scheme and formed a setting for sixty large engravings of the national colors above the galleries and ranging entirely around the hall.

The crowning feature of the decorations is a painting of the late Senator Hanna, which hangs centrally over the platform and occupies the most conspicuous position in the Coliseum. Something of the magnitude of this painting may be realized when it is said that its surface is as great in square feet as the combined surface of the sixty large pictures of the President. President Roosevelt, however, was prominently shown to the delegates in a heroic painting spectacularly unveiled on the chairman's platform at the conclusion of Mr. Root's speech, a climax that brought a prolonged outburst of enthusiasm.

Tributes to McKinley.

The incidents which are destined to live long after the spasmodic demonstrations have been forgotten are Mr. Root's tributes to President McKinley. The temporary chairman spoke of the late President's administration of progress, of his gentleness of character and those qualities so beloved by the nation, and in that connection said feelingly, "and with McKinley we remember Hanna." A hush almost oppressive, spread over the 7,000 or more persons present. The speaker had paused expectantly. As he started to resume the full force of the tie cent political heroes, went home to the delegates. The applause started, and in a sympathetic wave was carried to every part of the great hall. The demonstration was unlike any that had preceded it, or that came after. An indefinable dignity was attached to the demonstration which seemed foreign to a political gathering.

The Fairbanks boom for the vice-presidency flourished unrestricted during the convention proceedings. Its impetus was

23 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 23 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

2 Agents, 7 Miscellaneous, 9 Domestic, 4 Trades, 1 Office Help.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

Watch for the Midweek Bargains in Thursday's Times-Dispatch.